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Ban the can?



A proposal which would ban the sale of throw-away beverage containers in Bowling Green is being mulled over by a city commission.

The Environmental Commission is to decide, possibly today, whether to recommend the proposed bill to City Council for legislation.

But many problems face passage of such a bill, and questions have been raised both on its effectiveness and political chances.

Opposition to the bill comes from many quarters, as does its support. But more find themselves caught between a sense of environmental awareness, and suspicion of a specific issue that hits close to home.

The views--for, against and in-between--are presented inside today's 5th Edition.

THIS ISSUE RETURNABLE

Deposit at
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Marvin wants throw-away ban

Bill could be a beginning

By Rich Bergeman
News Editor

Ben Marvin buys his six-packs

of Pabst Blue Ribbon in return-
able bottles.

He welcomes the in-
convenience of hauling empty



Ben Marvin

bottles back to the store and walking with a pocket full of jingling pennies because he believes "we've got to start somewhere" to save our environment.

He sees that the simple problem with throw-aways is they get thrown away, filling land-fills and laying along road-sides.

But Marvin is one of only a few "eco-freaks" here who care enough about cleaning up this dirty world of ours to make even the smallest personal sacrifices.

He knows it's barely a whisper that he and his kind are raising against the violence waged on our world with smokestacks, detergents and tin cans—but it's a start.

Marvin is co-chairman of Living In a Finer Environment (LIFE) and student representative to City Council's Environmental Commission.

It's from here that he is building upon his start, though he often feels he's fighting a losing battle.

Since September the commission has been pondering a bill which would ban the sale of beverages in non-returnable bottles and cans within the city limits.

The bill was submitted to council by Eric Oster, a senior at Bowling Green High School and president of Protect Your Environment (PYE). It's an adapted copy of a bill passed this summer in Bowie, Md., and has the backing of LIFE and Campaign Against Violence to the Environment (CAVE).

The proposal provides for a fine of up to \$500 to be slapped on any individual or business firm convicted of selling soft drinks, beer or malt liquor in disposable containers in the city.

"Though I think the fine may be too high, I'm very much in favor of the bill as it reads now," Marvin said. "In fact, I'd like to see it extended to include other containers like for orange juice and milk."

But the six-member commission has been unable to form a consensus on the issue. On that

commission with Marvin are Robert Baron, chairman; Dr. William Jackson, director of the Environmental Studies Center; Ned Baker, of the Northwest Ohio Health Council; Mrs. William Rock, of the League of Women Voters; and Earl Shaffer, a science teacher at Bowling Green High School.

The public forum held last Tuesday was to be the basic criterion upon which the commission would decide whether to recommend the bill to City Council for legislation.

It was designed to air the views of the public, the merchants, bottling and glass companies, and the ecology groups.

The forum, however, didn't provide the commission with the information it needed, Marvin said. There was only a handful of Bowling Green residents present, and it's still uncertain whether the voters would welcome such legislation.

Marvin doesn't think the commission will decide at today's meeting to recommend the bill for legislation. "We just don't have enough information," he explained.

He said he will urge the commission to send out questionnaires or petitions to the townspeople to find a backing for the bill, so that it may be recommended some time in the future.

Although Marvin stands solidly behind the measure while other commission members are unsure, he is aware of the countless problems which face passage of such an ordinance.

"Out of the five super-markets in town, Carroll Cheek, the president of Great Scot Foods chain, is the only one I've found who is positively for this thing," Marvin said.

Foodtown is one of the many Marvin has found opposed to the issue.

"It's obvious if you just go into the store," he said. "One stack is like a wall of soft drinks, and they're all in disposable bottles. It's disgusting."

But Marvin contends that the merchants aren't the ones who will be hurt especially if the movement against disposables takes on a wider scope.

They will be merely inconvenienced by the added paper work and handling, he maintained.

It's the glass and aluminum companies who supply containers to bottling concerns whose profits are threatened, Marvin explained, and their opposition to the bill was evident at the forum last week.

Representatives from Owens-Illinois Corp. in Toledo, the National Can Co. and Anchor-Hocking Glass Corp., said that the bill would dictate consumer preference, and that educating the public against littering was the answer.

Marvin, however, said educating the people is only part of the answer, and contended that industry has already educated them through advertising to accept disposable containers.

Although most stores sell soft drinks in both disposable and returnable bottles, he added, Mo-Dor Carry-Out is the only one he's found—which offers the same choice in six-packs of beer.

He said the law is necessary because "consumers are downright lazy," and an ordinance would act as a starting point. "It would wake them up," he said.

Too many people "don't know and don't care about any environmental issue," he complained, and the situation is therefore becoming critical.

The commission, however, must consider the political realities of the bill's chances, he said, and the majority may find they cannot endorse it.

"Without a strong recommendation from the commission, there's practically no chance the bill will pass in City Council," he pointed out.

But even if the commission drops the issue Marvin stressed that he would not.

"I'll work with Eric Oster on this and keep it going," he said. "We won't let it just drop."

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This is their issue



Skalak, Cochran, Bergeman

The city of Bowling Green, if it can rise to the occasion, has the chance to take a position of leadership in the environmental crusade by forbidding the sale in the city of non-returnable containers.

So the News put its two token ECO-freaks into action.

They are:

Rich Bergeman, news editor, and three-year veteran staffer. Rich handled many of the personal interviews with city councilmen students and others.

Terry Cochran, second-year man with The News, canvassed the reactions of local merchants and talked with some area industrialists for their sentiments.

Capturing the issue on film, News photographer Carl J. Skalak Jr. spent much of last week roaming the countryside shooting beer cans, pop bottles and other eco-oriented subjects.

In light then of what is sure to be an issue of ever-increasing prominence, we're offering today's "5th Edition" as a handbook on local aspects of the problem, as seen by three News staffers.

This is their issue.

Education...not legislation

By Terry Cochran
Staff Reporter

A representative from a prominent glass manufacturing company feels the only way to solve the litter problem is through education, and not through "legislation dictating consumer preferences."

Robert X. Patoff, from the Office of Environmental Affairs at Owens-Illinois Corp., said that consumers have a great deal to say about what kind of containers are sold in stores.

"If consumers are educated, as a group they will be able to refuse to buy whatever they wish," Patoff said. "A retailer interested in moving merchandise will not be able to ignore this, and will stock his shelves with consumer preference items."

He said his firm sees the proposed disposable container ordinance in Bowling Green as being very discriminatory. Consumers who may wish to purchase convenient throw-away containers, he added, will not be allowed this alternative.

"Glass is chemically inert," said Patoff. "It will not react with water, and will not pollute in the common sense of the word."

People will not be willing to bring returnable bottles back to the store anyway, according to Patoff.

He cited an example in New York, where a Coca-Cola bottling plant produced 14.4 million returnable bottles and put them into circulation. Deposit on the bottles was raised from two to five cents.

Six months later, all the bottles had disappeared.

According to Patoff, Owens-Illinois has set up a test station in Ann Arbor to find out why people return their soft drink bottles. The conclusions of the tests are that those who return bottles do it out of a civic pride, and not for the money.

Patoff suggested therefore, that until people are educated not to carelessly throw litter around, they will just as soon throw returnable as non-returnable bottles on the ground.

"We also take a dim view of

high fines for the ordinance offenders," Patoff explained. "A fine of \$15 for a first offense, \$25 for the second, and so on is probably the most feasible punishment."

The bill would fine anyone selling or vending soft drinks or ales in disposable containers as much as \$500 for each day a sale is made.

Patoff also suggested that a switch to returnable bottles would be a discriminating money burden on beer manufacturers, in that their bottling processes would have to be entirely changed.

He added that of all municipal trash, only eight per cent is glass. Of this a much smaller per cent is glass from soft drink and beer bottles. And he claimed that only three per cent of roadside trash is bottles.

Patoff said, "By convincing friends to buy returnable bottles, disposables will eventually be taken off the shelves", suggesting that many problems could be avoided through consumer pressure rather than resorting to legislation.



Robert X. Patoff

'Education can't do it all...'

By Terry Cochran
Staff Reporter

The clamor over a proposal to outlaw disposable beverage containers has reached a surprisingly large decibel level in Bowling Green lately.

Representatives of glass manufacturers have called the measure "irrational", while students and concerned citizens have cried for more environmental awareness through the use of returnable bottles.

Soft drink companies claim they have to keep up with their competitors, and grocers have described the inherent difficulties involved with handling returning bottles.

Dr. William Jackson, director of the Environmental Studies Center on campus, tried to clarify some of the different outlooks on the issue.

"A basic question to ask of the whole affair" said Dr. Jackson, who is also a member of City Council's Environmental Commission, "is who exactly decides what kind of bottle will be sold on the market."

The answer to this, according to Dr. Jackson, lies in a combination of merchant and retailer working practices, and in the consumer's economic preference.

He said merchants find it much easier to work with disposable bottles than with returnables. Returnable bottles require much more space and the need for more workers in the store.

At the same time, consumers like disposable bottles.

"Those 40 people who showed

up at the forum last week may be committed and concerned enough to do away with disposable bottles," said Dr. Jackson. "But a far larger number are mainly interested in convenience, even if it means more expense."

He also explained that a lot of controversy over the topic deals with the actual polluting ability of discarded glass products.

He verified the contention of glass manufacturers that glass is chemically inert. That is, it will not break-down, stench or rot biochemically. It cannot pollute water or land in the sense that organic garbage does.

Dr. Jackson contended that glass is basically made of sand, and within varying lengths of time will again decompose into sand.

"The major problem therefore," he explained, "is basically an aesthetic one. There is no major safety or health factor evident in disposable bottles, and the main objection with them is that they clutter."

Dr. Jackson agrees with both the pro and con sides of the bill issue in that education has not been adequately used concerning the problem.

However he can also see a time when education can't take environmental clean-up any farther. Then people may come to realize legislation is necessary.

One of the objectives of the bill's hearing last week, according to Dr. Jackson, was to provide a little more education for the general populace. His question now is, where do we go from here?

And he doesn't have the answer.



Dr. William Jackson

The green sheet

Bowling Green
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November twenty-third
thru twenty-ninth



monday

9 a.m.-6 p.m. Student Body Elections-Voting on eight representatives-at-large. Students should bring University ID, or other identification showing social security number. Men's Gym.

12:30 p.m. LIFE-Anyone concerned with protesting the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant should meet at 449 Life Science Building. Transportation will be provided to take interested student to the preliminary hearing called by the Atomic Energy Commission in Port Clinton.

3 p.m. "Liverated Women: The Old Lady of Vine Street"-Mrs. JoAnn Albers, assistant women's editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, will discuss today's journalism. Mrs. Albers, a member of the Ohio Women's Newspaper Association and regional director of Theta Sigma Phi, national society for women in journalism and communications, is a progressive reporter at the morning newspaper nicknamed "the old lady of Vine Street." Capital Room, University Union.

3-5 p.m. Black-White-Yellow Encounter-Open to students, faculty, staff. 320 Student Services Building.

4 p.m. Panhellenic Council Meeting-Alumni Room, University Union.

4 p.m. Physics Seminar-Keith Shaw, a graduate student in physics will discuss "Thrust Measurement and Orbital Analysis of the SERT II Spacecraft." Free and open to the public. 269 Overman Hall.

6:15-7:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Vespers-Prout Chapel.

6:30 p.m. BGSU Sports Car Club-Inited meeting. All interested persons invited. River Room, University Union.

7-7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting-Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Prout Chapel.

8 p.m. PPSA-

friday

7 p.m. Christ's Ambassador Skating Party-Sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Christ's Ambassador. The \$1.50 admission to the party includes skating fee and refreshments. Open to the public. Presidents Lounge, Rink, Ice Arena.

sunday

8:45 a.m. Lutheran Worship for Students-St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

9:30 a.m. Bible Study for Students-Village View Church of Christ. Seventh Day Adventist Building. Enterprise & Lehman.

10 a.m. Orthodox Church Services-Orthodox Fellowship. United Christian Fellowship Chapel, UCF Center.

10:30 a.m. Lutheran Worship Services-

1124 E. Wooster St., University Lutheran Chapel.

10:30 a.m. Worship and Communion for Christians-Village View Church of Christ. Seventh Day Adventist Building. Enterprise & Lehman.

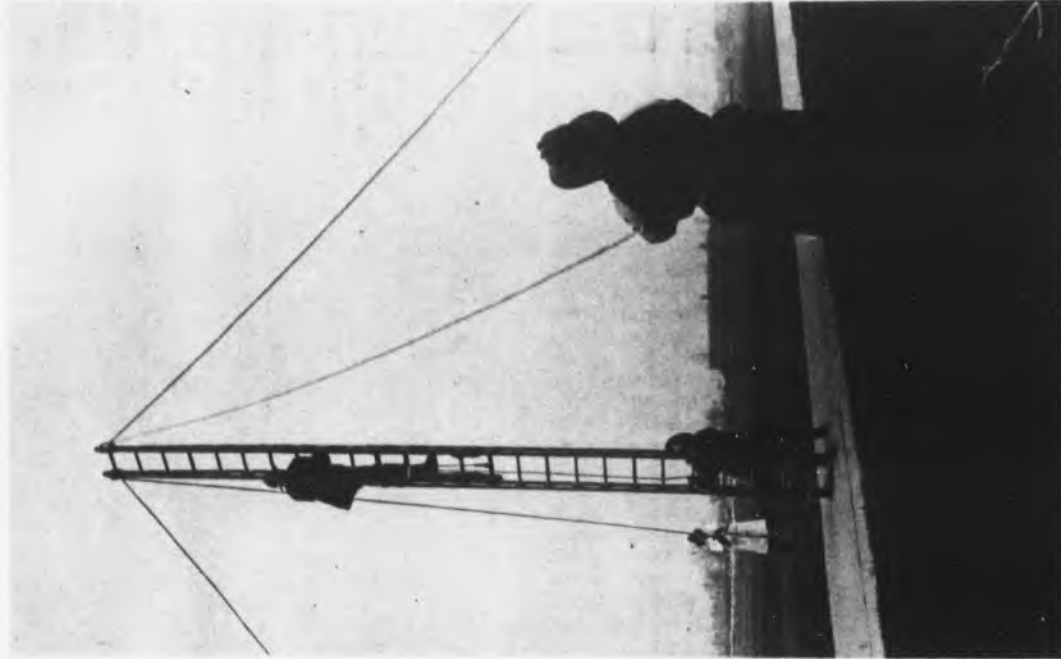
10:30 a.m. Christian Science Services-Prout Chapel.

11 a.m. Lutheran Worship for Students-St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

2 p.m. Faculty-Student Recital-Sponsored by the University's Creative Arts Program. Free and open to the public. Recital Hall, School of Music.

2-4 p.m. Recreational Swimming-Bring ID and 25 cents. Natatorium.

8-10 p.m. Public Skating Session-Ice Arena.



to 3:30 p.m. today and beginning at 7 p.m. tonight at the theatre box office. Main Auditorium, University Hall.

3-5 p.m. Counseling-Rev. Loyal G. Bishop, Left Ante Room, Prout Chapel.

3-5 p.m. Growth Group-Open to everyone. 320 Student Services Building.

3-5 p.m. Person-To-Person-

tuesday

8 p.m. Alpha Phi Omega Meeting—
Capital Room, University Union.

8 p.m. The Cage—

A play written, produced and performed by the Barwire Theatre Company, a group of San Quentin parolees. The 80-minute drama deals with the accelerating problem of crime and punishment. The story explores the relationship of four men sharing a prison cell. Tickets for the play, sponsored by the University Theatre in cooperation with the Office of Student Activities, are \$1.50 each and can be purchased from 11 a.m.

Deadline for announcements in the Nov. 30 issue. 806 Administration Building or phone 372-2816.

1-3 p.m. Non-verbal Workshop—
320 Student Services Building.

1-4 p.m. Faculty Dames Bridge—
Pink Dogwood Suite, University Union.

1-5 p.m. Growth Room—

Open to anyone who wants to spend time to explore their feelings, and themselves. Sponsored by the Counseling Center, 320 Student Services Building.

8:30-10 p.m. Recreational Swimming—
Bring ID and 25 cents. Natatorium.

wednesday

8 a.m. Thanksgiving Break Begins

thursday

Thanksgiving Day

announcements

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS

CANNED GOODS AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Delta Psi Kappa is sponsoring a canned goods and clothing drive to aid needy families in Bowling Green. The drive, which began Friday (Nov. 20), will continue through Dec. 7. Pick-up stations for the canned goods and clothing will be in all women's dormitories as well as in the Women's Building.

CRISIS PHONE NEEDS HELP

Volunteers are needed to keep the Crisis Phone Service going while students, who normally take calls, will be home for both Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday.

Those who volunteer answer calls and refer those in trouble to the proper agencies or to professional people who have

volunteered their services.

Any University faculty or staff member interested in being trained to answer the crisis phone during the vacation periods should call the crisis phone number, 352-7587 (352-PLUS).

BREAK TIME SCHEDULES

Dormitories—will close at 11 a.m. Wednesday, (Nov. 25) and will reopen at noon Sunday, (Nov.

29).

Ice Arena—Will be closed Thanksgiving Day, with regular hours observed for the remainder of Thanksgiving break.

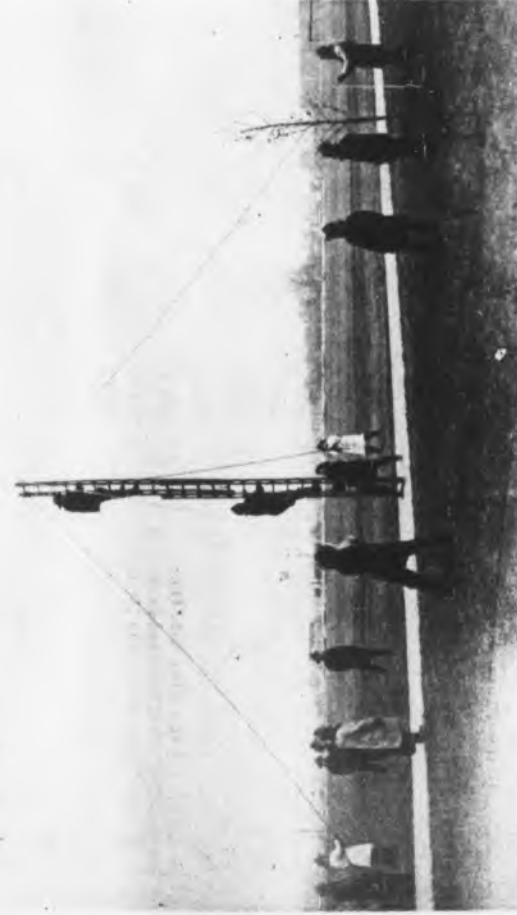
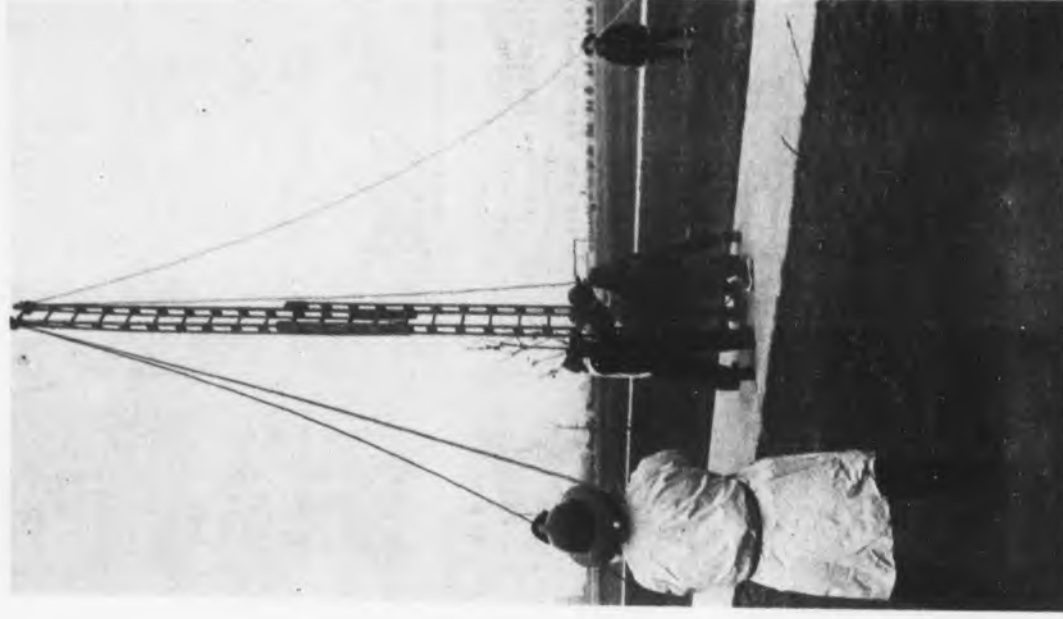
Medical Health Center—Will close at noon Wednesday, (Nov. 25) and will reopen Sunday. Students remaining in Bowling Green over break should contact their personal physician or Wood County Hospital for medical services.

Natatorium—Will be open Tuesday, (Nov. 24), with swim sessions 8:30-10 p.m., and Sunday, (Nov. 29), 2-4 p.m. Regular hours will resume Monday, Nov. 30.

University Bookstore—Will be closed beginning Monday, (Nov. 20), for inventory. Regular business hours will resume, Nov. 30.

University Library—Will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, (Nov. 25) and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, (Nov. 27). The library will be closed all day on Thanksgiving, and will be closed Nov. 28-29. Regular hours will resume Monday, Nov. 30.

University Union—Will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday, (Nov. 25) and will reopen Sunday, (Nov. 29) at 3 p.m.





Back to returnables

By Rich Bergeman
News Editor

"I guess we're all guilty of supplying disposable bottles to the consumers," Carroll Cheek confessed.

"You really can't condemn the industry for putting so much into disposables because the people wanted them for convenience," he said, and the stores were naturally willing to do away with

the headache of handling the returnables.

"But littering is such a big problem now something has to be done about it. You should see our parking lots."

The parking lots belong to the Great Scot Food chain, of which Cheek is president. His stores are known for their use of the more advanced techniques of food merchandising practiced in western Europe, which Cheek has

visited often.

Cheek is also a resident of Bowling Green, and sympathetic to the proposal to ban the sale of beverages in non-returnable bottles.

He said the countries of western Europe don't have the littering problems we have with throw-away bottles and cans. Soft drinks are not as popular there, where coffee, tea and beer in the pub are most common.

His store in Bowling Green has the most elaborate system for handling returnable bottles in town for Cheek sees a trend in the winds leading us back to returnables.

And it's a trend he'd like to see fulfilled, because for him the littering problem is brought close to home.

"We have our own tonnage of litter to haul out of our lots, especially in the summer," he explained. Two truck loads of garbage pull out of the parking lot at his Detroit store every week.

There are disadvantages in returnable bottles however, other than that of handling.

Cheek estimates that damage suits against his stores run into hundreds of thousands of dollars every year when capped returnable bottles explode on the shelves and injure consumers.

He said the bottling companies sometimes put the wrong pressure into the used bottles, and after bouncing along on a truck and sitting in the heat of a stack of soft drinks, bottles often explode.

"One used bottle goes off every week in one of our stores someplace," he said. "But a lot of other things explode too. A coffee can exploded once and put a hole in the ceiling so big it looked like a shell went through it."

The disposable containers are often credited with being cleaner, he said, but if the companies sterilize them properly there shouldn't be any difference.

"As far as I'm concerned, disposables are no good to me. I'd rather have one or the other," Cheek said. "They should either find a disposable container that can be disposed of easily, or go back to returnable bottles."

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Dilemma faces stores

By Terry Cochran
Staff Reporter

Bowling Green's merchants are caught in the middle of the "ban the disposable" issue.

On the one hand are the inconveniences merchants would suffer if the bill were passed, while on the other is a concern for the environment and the ever-nubulous wishes of their customers.

A good number of local carry-out and grocery store managers canvassed by the News took the easy way out of this dilemma with a short "no comment."

Most of those who did respond were either in favor of the proposed ban on disposable beverage containers, or totally apathetic towards the issue.

A representative view was expressed by Clay Reed, manager of the A & P food store.

"The important question is not what the merchants feel about the ordinance, but rather what the consumers feel," he said. "And at present, consumers seem to want the convenience of throw-away bottles."

Reed thinks that under the present price structure for returnable bottles, people are throwing them away just as often as disposables.

He suggested raising the deposit on 16-ounce bottles to five cents. This would make consumers think twice before throwing bottles out of a car, he said, for a money incentive would be added.

"The Vernor's Co. in Detroit has initiated this system already," Reed said. "If every soft-drink outlet did the same, I think the return to all returnable bottles could come off successfully."

He added that returnable bottles with higher deposit prices would still be less expensive than disposable bottles are now.

Bernard McFadden, manager of the local Great Scot store, also expressed hopes that the ordinance would go into effect.

"A year or so ago, I was very interested in the initiation of disposable bottles," he explained.



"But it would not be a great inconvenience for me to return entirely to non-disposables, if this is going to keep front yards from being littered with pop bottles."

McFadden continued that from experience he knows the returnable bottle system can be a lot of extra work. He said Great Scot has a parcel pick-up system which

could easily cope with the bottles, but most other grocery stores may be hard pressed.

He felt a new system would have to be devised by these stores, which would probably mean the hiring of more manpower.

The Kroger store manager, Roger Rahmel, said he is not for or against enacting the ordinance.

"There are two sides to the issue," he explained. "A returnable bottle system would mean a lot more time wasted, but it would also be less of an expense to the consumer."

He felt people would balk at doing away with all disposable bottles, for reasons of con-

venience. He said people like trips and picnics and like to get rid of their bottles right away.

Another view was expressed by Edsel Pendleton, manager of Foodtown.

"Does the ordinance also consider banning ketchup bottles, pickle jars, and other containers?" he asked, suggesting that soft drink and beer containers were only part of the problem.

Pendleton said that if disposable bottles were disposed of in the proper way, there would be no need for returnable bottles. He felt a returnable bottle system would be a dead loss financially.

"Someone has to sort these bottles in the stores," he said, "which means the need for more manpower. Even though returnables are supposedly less expensive for customers, somebody in the long run will have to pay for the extra work done in the store."

John Matthews, manager of Centre Super Market, said the ordinance sounds like "a good thing."

Anything done to keep the environment clean has to be worthwhile, he said.

He expects the number of bottles will be a real mess as far as the extra space needed and the paper work involved, but he feels people cannot let their country "go to pot."

"I don't think doing away with disposable bottles will make up for the loss in time and money involved," said Larry Mantel, manager of South-Side Six.

Mantel also feels space for the bottles in his store is a major consideration.

He added, "When returnable whiskey and wine bottles are brought about, then I'll consider a proposal for doing the same with beer and soft drinks."

The manager of another shop in town, who chooses to remain anonymous, also has no opinion one way or the other.

He did say that generally it would be an inconvenience for himself, since the bottles would take up much needed space in his store.

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Solons doubtful of effectiveness

By Rich Bergeman
News Editor

City Council President Russell Cross has seen what throw away bottles can do to drivers on the country roads, but he does not

think it's time to legislate the problem away.

"I'm in crop insurance and I travel in the country a lot," Cross explained. "I've had tires ruined on broken glass and seen many

farmers ruin their tractor tires the same way."

He sees carelessly discarded beer and liquor bottles laying beside and in the road, and it annoys him.

But he believes people will throw away the bottles whether they're returnable or not. "Money is just too easy to come by for John Q. Public right now, and he just doesn't care," Cross said.

"The public needs to be educated," he said, "This is the key." If they do throw bottles and cans away, they should do it properly, or else they should buy returnables, he expalined.

The answer may lie with the merchants, he added, and with convincing them to give their customers a free choice between returnables and throw-aways.

"It's this compelling them to do it by law that I don't like to see," Cross said, "But if you can't get them to clean things up through education, then I think you'll have to legislate."

The council president is also unsure that a law banning disposable bottles in a town as small as Bowling Green and in such a rural area would do much good.

But he does feel it could do some harm.

Local merchants have enough trouble keeping customers from being drawn out of Bowling Green by shopping centers around Toledo, he said, and a bill like this may not help matters any.

Councilman Lloyd Shelton, who has been most vocal among councilmen in backing local ecology groups, agrees with Cross on this point.

Shelton said banning disposable beverage containers in Bowling Green would be discriminatory to the local merchants.

He said the proposal has a lot of merit and he'd like to see it



Lloyd Shelton

become law—but on a wider scale.

To be both effective and fair, Shelton said, it would have to be either a state-wide or county law.

Shelton said he gives the ecology groups in Bowling Green all the encouragement he can because, as a pilot, he's becoming increasingly aware of the problems of pollution.

Although aware of the shortcomings of the bill presently being discussed, both Shelton and Cross

feel something has to be done about the problem, and done soon.

"I certainly don't think this issue should be ignored or soft-pedalled," Cross said. "We have to have a beginning. I just don't know how far we have to legislate at this time to get the job done."

"But maybe this is the beginning," he offered. "If we can talk about it, bring it out in the open and keep it up, maybe this will do it."



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